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SUBJECT: NORDIC LABOR LEADERS' ATTENDANCE AT AFL-CIO MEETING

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1. FINNISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (SAK) CHAIRMAN PEKKA OIVIO IS MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 16-24 IN MIAMI. OIVIO HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO PRESIDENT MEANY'S INVITATION BECAUSE FINAL DECISION TO TRAVEL DEPENDS ON SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF CURRENT NATIONWIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ROUND WHICH STILL CONTINUES DESPITE EXPIRATION OF NUMEROUS DEADLINES. SITUATION SHOULD HAVE CLARIFIED BY EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. FINNS DO NOT YET KNOW WHO WILL ACCOMPANY OIVIO AS INTERPRETER. SAK INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY KARI TAPIOLA WOULD NORMALLY PERFORM THIS FUNCTION, BUT TAPIOLA EXPECTS TO LEAVE SAK AROUND FEBRUARY 1 FOR JOB WITH UN COMMITTEE

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ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AND SAK IS HAVING DIFFI-

CULTY LOCATING QUALIFIED SUCCESSOR.

3. TAPIOLA, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM BRUSSELS AND COPENHAGEN, CONFIRMS PLANS OF GUNNAR NILSSON AND LENNART BODSTROM TO ATTEND MIAMI MEETING. HE ALSO SAID DENMARK'S THOMAS NIELSEN WOULD BE GOING AND THAT NORWEGIANS WILL PROBABLY HAVE ODD HOJDAHL DEPUTIZE FOR ASPENGREN. AUSTAD

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